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## WHAT'S A PLATFORM FOR?

In view of the fact that the Cox forces were scattered to the four winds during the era of platform construction at San Francisco the candidate chosen by the convention will have some difficulty in harmonizing his own personal views with those of the men whose numbers succeeded in arranging a negative stand on the all pervading question of Prohibition. It is understood from the outset that Cox was one of the liberal leaders who would swing their influence to help the party incorporate a mildly moist plank in the articles of faith laid down by the convention for the guidance of its choice. Mr. Cox comes from a district where breweries once abounded and where the chief city had its eye on the Rhine district irrigated with the beverage that enabled the honest burghers of Cincinnati to withstand the intense heat of the dog days. These influences dominate the politics of the leading cities of Ohio and the promise of Governor Cox to see that some encouragement was held out to his constituents will result in another infraction of the platform which all good Democrats appear to believe is built to furnish employment for political wreckers. The act of the convention in expounding every idea that could be construed as favoring an amendment to the Volstead act or the substitution of a mild wine and beer clause for the bone dry declaration of the constitution, awakens some apprehensions among the deacons on the mourners bench who see that Bourke Cockran was making a grand stand play when he spoke for the plank which he knew down in his heart would not be acceptable as an open confession of faith. The eloquent and resourceful New York statesman had an ace in the hole which he played when he threw the strength of his delegation to the man from Ohio whose views on the dry board were in consonance with his own dimmed ideas. It was a case of the "platform be damned" what cared they so long as they had the candidate who would not be cramped by any of the hidebound hypocrisies of a bone dry platform given out as an official utterance.

Bryan recognized the hollow mockery of the platform when he declared after the nomination of Cox "My heart is in the grave with our cause and I must pause until it come back to me," adding that the "door had been opened for a wet candidate." There are no mental reservations about this statement. Mr. Bryan is convinced that the vets have won out and that the campaign will be made on the open door for the liquor traffic. This is not all. Mr. Bryan is more a negligible factor in the Democratic party and one who has a large following as evidenced by the only unorganized demonstration that greeted his appearance on the floor when he spoke against ignoring the eighteenth amendment by not backing it up with all the moral force that the resolutions of the party would confer. Mr. Bryan is not going to be included among the boosters of Cox. He is the militant order who will fight tooth and nail every inch of the way making it rough sledding for the man from Dayton.

## DEBASING SILVER.

It is not startling to find the National City Bank of New York arrayed against silver for it would be paradoxical to find it hobnobbing with the men who are interested in promoting the more general use of the white metal for monetary purposes. Nevertheless the statements of that institution which is the mouthpiece of the whole American banking system are deserving of careful consideration. The substance is given in the following extracts:

"Under ordinary conditions, since the United States is one of the chief sources of silver for world's consumption, the absorption of its entire product for domestic consumption at \$1.00 per ounce might be expected to raise the price on all markets at least to that level, but to the surprise of everybody this has not been the effect in the present instance. Calculations have been upset by the supply of melted silver coin arriving in London from the continent of Europe which is reported as amounting approximately to 1,000,000 ounces per week. Nobody knows how long this stream will last, but the total silver coinage of Europe is large, and it is all out of use as money. Formerly Europe was a steady buyer of silver for coinage purposes but, now it has not only ceased to be a buyer but has become a seller in quantities sufficient to take the place of normal American exports.

As a result of this development in connection with the demand for Asia there are two prices for silver bullion in the United States, to wit: the price paid by the U. S. treasury for the product of American mines and smelters and the market price for foreign silver for commercial use. The former is \$1.00 an ounce and the latter fluctuates from day to day with supply and demand being about 93 cents. It may be a long time before the consumption of silver for coinage purposes gets back to what it was before the war. The British government is reducing its silver coin from eleven-twelfths to five tenths. Moreover, as prices fall the amount of coins required in circulation will be less than it has been."

This is an excellent expose of Wall street morality. Fiat money without the backing of either gold or silver openly advocated means that an effort will be made in Congress to vitiate the bill providing for the restoration of the 207,000,000 ounces of silver taken from the U. S. treasury to help England pay its war debts.

About the best judges of a man's character are those who have been in his employ over a period of years. This fact lends special force and interest to what members of the typographical union at Marion say about Senator Harding. That organization has come out strong for Harding, whose printing shop is 100 per cent union and has always paid more than the established scale of wages, and in a letter says, "Senator Harding has always been fair and considerate of his employees and has never had a lockout or a strike or dispute with them." The union recognizes in him a fellow craftsman, who learned the printing trade in younger days and hence knows the trials and cares of the workingman.

Governor Coolidge pays only \$32 rent for his home. Are there

any more homes in Boston to be had at that price?—Albany Evening Journal.

Probably not, Brother Barnes, but Governor Coolidge's home in Northampton close by will be for rent after March 4 unless somebody signs a four year lease for it before next November.

## ENGLISH PRINCE IS A WORKER

(Correspondence Associated Press)

LONDON, June 19.—Prince Albert, who has become Duke of York, Baron Killarney, and Earl of Inverness, as second son of the King, who possessed the titles of King Edward's son is known as the "Industrial Prince" because of his keen interest in economic questions, his belief that he is no member of "the idle rich but a genuine worker," and the popularity he has won with wage-earners with whom he frequently and comfortably converses.

The prince is described as a "friendly, amiable, likeable, practical Englishman, who has no brilliancy but knows the job of being prince is no sinecure." His passion is for lawn tennis and squash rackets, and his chief indoor amusement is dancing.

## MINNESOTA GRAIN CROP BEST KNOWN

(By Associated Press)  
 ST. PAUL, Minn., July 7.—Crops in Minnesota are reported in excellent condition, a recent survey by Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers declaring the grain crop "the best in years." In some sections small grains and potatoes have suffered from unusually heavy rains, but the generally favorable condition offset these minor losses. The potato crop was especially affected.

## Canine Characteristic.

Once in a while you meet a man who is like a dog. He would rather stand still and shiver than to get out and hustle and keep warm.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Recently he was created a wing-commander in the Royal Air Force, in which he won his wings as a pilot. Prince Albert makes no pretense to oratory "but always says something to the point and his speeches are not written for him."

Nick Lovrich, Prop.

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